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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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13th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow



Michigan Tech University AISES held their Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Gates Tennis Center on the Michigan Technical University Campus in Houghton, Michigan. The 13th Annual event was emceed by Stanley Spruce of KBIC. Two grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. were led by Head Male Veteran Dancer, Donald Chosa, of Minnesota, and the KBIC Veteran Color Guard. MTU AISES were honored to have Roger LaBine of Lac View Desert as head male dancer; Punkin Shananaquet, Potawatomi/Ojibwe as head female dancer; Ethan Smith of KBIC as head youth male dancer; and Miss Keweenaw Bay 2008, Tashina Emery Kauppila as head youth female dancer.

Lori Muhlig, MTU Native American Outreach Coordinator and organizer of the event, stated, "We

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President
Susan J. LaFerner, Vice-President
Toni Minton, Secretary
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
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Doreen Blaker
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- November 8, 2008
Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC holds first Primary
Elections
- Drug Conviction Report
- Preserving land for the
next seven generations
- Area youth participate in
TPAL Paintball League
- KBIC Headstart visit
with local firemen
- KBOCC leaders cele-
brate *Health is Life in
Balance* Launch
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

had six drums with Stoneboy of Minnesota as our host drum. There were 44 dancers for the 1 p.m. grand entry and about 50 for the 7 p.m. grand entry. This year's event included a pink shawl presentation by Punkin Shananaquet, and we had a display for the Eagle Book project. KBIC was one of our major sponsors, and we are truly thankful to them." Other sponsors for the 13th Annual event include: Michigan Tech USG, Michigan Tech Educational Opportunity, the Chrysler Foundation, and AISES.



KBIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD

The members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community voted to implement primary elections on the December 2008 ballot. Subsequently, an ordinance revising the election process was implemented, and the Community held its first primary election on November 1, 2008. An alphabetical ballot of names on the Primary Election Ballot were approved on October 4, 2008.

Official results of the primary election follows. In the Baraga District: Larry J. Denomie III (incumbent)—71; Robin Chosa—18; Janice M. Halverson—26; Ginnyann Jermac—35; William W. Jondreau, Sr.—39; Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.—24; Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.—75; Gary Mayo (Gary A. Magnant)—8; Peter Morin—4; Sandra L. Pittsley—81; Jacqueline Swartz—6; and Isabelle Helene Welsh—91. In the L'Anse District: William "Gene" Emery (incumbent)—70; Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews (incumbent)—91; Joe "Shawanung" Dowd—54; Jean Jokinen—28; and JoAnne Racette—55.

The top four candidates from each district will move on to the General Election to be held on December 13, 2008. The candidates in the Baraga District are Larry Denomie III, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Sandra L. Pittsley, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. The L'Anse District candidates are William "Gene" Emery, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Joe "Shawanung" Dowd, and JoAnne Racette.



ATTENTION: KBIC REGISTERED VOTERS



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is holding its **ANNUAL TRIBAL ELECTIONS** on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

The Baraga District Election Voting Polls will be located at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Building, Mission Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

The L'Anse District Election Voting Polls will be located at the Zeba United Methodist Church, Zeba Road, L'Anse, MI 49946.

Polls open 12:00 noon—6:00 p.m.

For those voters who are physically unable to go to the polls and previously requested an absentee ballot in writing by November 21, 2008, an election worker will come to your home on Friday, December 12, 2008.

DRUG CONVICTION REPORT



In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Leon Brunk, case # 08-242, Controlled Substance (possession)

Factual Basis: Defendant had possession of methadone pills without a prescription.

Sentenced on 11/03/2008 to:

1. \$300 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended, credit for 2 days jail served, 28 days to be served. Defendant is responsible for any lodging, tether fees, and other expenses associated while lodged.
3. Nine to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall complete application to the Access to Recovery program.

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6. Defendant shall perform a job search and submit weekly verification to Probation Officer until defendant finds regular employment.

Angela Potts, case # 08-181, Controlled Substance (distribute)

Factual Basis: Defendant did possess and distribute a controlled substance, to wit: marijuana.

Sentenced on 11/04/2008 to:

1. \$300 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether due to medical conditions. Defendant is responsible for tether fees, and other expenses associated while on tether.
3. Nine to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall maintain employment or be actively receiving an education.

Dave R. Varline, case # 08-259, Controlled Substance (use)

Factual Basis: Defendant used the illegal drug marijuana.

Sentenced on 11/05/2008 to:

1. \$300 fine.
2. 90 days jail, 70 days suspended, credit for 2 days jail served, 18 days to be served on tether. Defendant is responsible for any lodging, tether fees, and other expenses associated while lodged.

3. Twelve to eighteen months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. The Defendant is to perform 10 hours of community service.
6. The Defendant is to attend school or apply for GED and seek employment. Defendant must provide proof to the probation office of his job searching activity.

Yancy A. DeCota, case # 08-217, Controlled Substance (use)

Factual Basis: Defendant used the illegal drugs cocaine and marijuana, and the prescription drug, Ritalin, of which he was not prescribed.

Sentenced on 11/13/2008 to:

1. \$300 fine.
2. 90 days jail, 80 days are suspended, credit for 2 days previously served, 8 days to be served. Defendant is responsible for lodging costs and other expenses associated while lodged.
3. Twelve to eighteen months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. [concurrent with cases 08-198, 08-200].
4. Defendant is to submit to random drug and PBT testing and will be financially responsible for those tests.
5. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

November 8, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 8, 2008, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the month of October, KBIC received a final draft report from the Council at Energy Resource Tribes. Their mission is to support member tribes as they develop their management capabilities and use their energy resources as a foundation for building stable diversified self-governing economies according to each tribe's own values and priorities. Certain programs include policy advocacy, technical assistance, education, capacity building, and partnerships. How does the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community preserve the environment, keep energy costs low, money local, create jobs, benefit the community, make a sustainable energy system, and be less fuel dependent over the next fifteen years? This is in conjunction with the seventh generation feast which will be held on November 19th where the community will receive an update, share ideas, and share information gathered from the three-day planning sessions held in late September and early October.

President Swartz received notification that KBIC's 2009 program expansion and development grant application has been successfully submitted to the National Children's Alliance. This grant application will help respond to children who have been severely abused or neglected.

President Swartz, Vice President LaFerner, Treasurer Misegan, and accounting personnel met with Superior National Bank officials to discuss our trust accounts. Superior National Bank also notified KBIC that some shares from Keweenaw Financial Common Stock are available for purchase.

President Swartz, Council member Mike LaFerner, David Haataja (Marquette Casino's General Manager), and a representative of Ojibwa Housing met with Greg Seppanen, Chocolay Township Supervisor, and some of his staff at the Chocolay Township Hall to discuss issues and concerns and just to get acquainted with each other in the event we are able to collaborate in future projects.

Work with the Village of Baraga continues with the Old 41 water main extension agreement, and it is hopeful that it will be completed in the near future.

Good news. The National Gaming Commission published the technical and internal control standards mixed on October 10, 2008. The definition and classification standards regulations were formally withdrawn. By convincing the NIGC to withdraw the definition and classification regulations, Indian Country achieved a great victory in defending the Class III industry.

President Swartz, Treasurer Misegan, Council members Doreen Blaker, and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the National Congress of American Indians 65th Annual Convention Trade Show, "*65 years of advancing tribal sovereignty in the past, present and future*", held in Phoenix, Arizona, October 19th-24th. They joined other tribal leaders in discussing public safety, resource management, economical development, health, education, labor, and many other important topics. Council members Frederick Dakota and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the NCI Conference during the second week of October.

President Swartz attended the United

Tribes meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, where discussions on bulk purchasing, coal energy expansion, Adam Walsh update, tuition waiver, and others occurred. President Swartz has been elected Secretary for the United Tribes of Michigan.

Susan LaFerner gave the Vice President Report. Vice President LaFerner participated in the environmental perspectives interview on October 3rd with KBIC member Jessica Koski, who is attending Michigan Tech University. With the current fuel prices and projected winter heating costs, accompanied by our Nation's economic condition, each of us should commit to do our part, and we can make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. There are everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle materials, and prevent pollution in general. This information is available at the energy.gov website.

Vice President LaFerner attended a meeting at Northern Michigan University on October 13th regarding Michigan's Great Lakes Plan (Protection and Restoration Initiative) which was launched by Lt. Governor John Cherry for the state government on June 4, 2008, to prepare and implement an action agenda to restore, remediate, and protect the Great Lakes. Eight more meetings are scheduled throughout the state for comments, and they hope to have a plan ready by the end of December. Vice President LaFerner suggested for the state to adopt a no new mercury input rule and adopt a non-degradation approach to planning where projects would need to demonstrate the area waters would not receive any additional contaminants. As our lakes are already in great danger, it will be interesting to see if, and when, this plan will be implemented.

KBIC will be commenting and submitting an expert report within the next month to the EPA for their consideration of the Underground Injection Control permit for the proposed Yellow Dog mine. Also of great concern is the recent clearing by Eagle Rock. State officials have been notified.

The Annual Harvest Feast was held on October 19th at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. In President Swartz's absence, Vice President LaFerner gave the welcome where those in attendance had a great meal, visited, and gave thanks for our many blessings. Chi miigwetch to everyone for their hard work to prepare for this annual event.

Larry Denomie gave a combined CEO report for September and October. The new wage system was worked on and finalized during the two month period. Council approved the system to compensate employees for their years of service in their current positions. The personnel and payroll departments are to be commended for their efforts in getting the final numbers compiled. Council has implemented a 1.4 million dollar investment into this wage system. Government employees received their new wage and retroactive pay in the October 31st payroll. Enterprises received their new wage in the October 31st payroll and will receive their retroactive pay in the November 14th payroll. There have been instances where employees have made their disappointed feelings known; however, a majority of the comments have been positive and grateful for Council's actions.

The ANA Language Preservation grant has been officially awarded, and Earl Otchingwanigan has been hired by contract to develop curriculum and teach six apprentices the language under the grant. Earl has gifted his work to KBIC through an endowment. The endowment will allow for the completed work to be utilized in generating revenue which will be placed into the endowment fund. One-half of the proceeds of the investment along with one-half of the revenue added to private con-

tributions to the endowment will be permanently set aside for use to continue the Language Preservation and Revitalization program.

The Even Start Program and Community Library have been placed under the direction of Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, effective October 1. There will be no change in services with this adjustment.

October 1st marked the beginning of Fiscal Year 09. Due to wage system upgrading, information needed by directors and managers to complete their budgets Council did not begin reviewing the budgets until November 5th. Hopefully they will be finalized in the next week.

Two projects have been completed from multiple suggestions made by utilizing the suggestion box located in the entrance of the Tribal Center. A playground has been installed at the Zeba Trailer Court for the children there. Safety concerns were voiced by parents whose children had to cross the Skanee Road to get to the housing playground. The second project will assist those who are handicapped with entering the tribal center. An automatic door opener for those who are unable to manually open the door has been installed outside the main entrance at the tribal center. Please continue to use the suggestion box as every effort is made to respond to suggestions, comments, complaints, and compliments received. Phone calls are returned when requested, complaints are followed up on, and responses are given when requested.

An effort to update the membership on many programs and services offered by the Tribe is being developed with a revised Membership Services Directory. Programs available by department, including a brief description of what is offered, how to access the program or funding, and who and where to contact for the service, will be listed. It is hopeful this directory will be ready for distribution to every KBIC home early next year.

The Gaming Commissioner's Executive Director is away due to a personal family matter. Dale Shalfoe will be acting Executive Director in the interim based on resolutions passed by the Gaming Commissioners and the Council. Mr. Shalfoe will not be acting in the capacity of a commissioner while filling the temporary vacancy.

Council has amended the holiday schedule in the personnel policy to include Christmas Eve, the day after Christmas, and New Years Eve every year, and implemented January 2nd to be a paid holiday for 2009. Tribal government offices will be closed for the holiday season on December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, January 1st and 2nd.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of October 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on October 4, 2008, in Marquette, and is reported on in the November 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 1, 2008: approved an addition to the Casino Employee Personnel Policies; agreed to open the Pines Slots on October 15, 2008; promoted Debra Williamson to full time Language Coordinator; approved the employee wage distribution plan and that all employees will receive at least a 3% raise; agreed that no employees will be downgraded and that any position to be downgraded will be done through attrition; agreed that all positions grade 14 and up will be contractual positions; and appointed three Appellate Judges, Dave Mechlin for a one-year term, Charles Palmer for a two-year term, and Todd Smithson for a three-year term. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 9, 2008: approved meeting minutes

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PRESERVATION OF OUR LAND
FOR THE NEXT
SEVEN GENERATIONS

ANIN! We would like to take a moment of your time to again discuss a very serious threat to the lands, natural resources, environment, and sacred place of the Lake Superior Bands of the Ojibwa created by proposed sulfide mining operations in the Lake Superior territory.

As you may know, we have been very actively opposing a proposed sulfide metallic mineral mine that will be located on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County Michigan. The mine, proposed by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company ("Kennecott"), will be located in the traditional lands of the Community which were ceded to the government through the Treaty of 1842.

The sulfide ore body of the proposed Kennecott mine is located directly underneath the Salmon Trout River, and the portal of the mine tunnel to this ore body will be drilled and blasted through Migi zii wa sin ("Eagle Rock"). Sulfide, when exposed to water and air, creates sulfuric acid that permeates the surrounding natural resources and environment (see "Sulfide Mining 101"). The Salmon Trout River is a pristine river located in the wilderness of the Yellow Dog Plains and is one of few homes to the coaster brook trout. Migi zii wa sin has been a sacred site to the Ojibwa people since time immemorial. We have opposed Kennecott's proposed mine because of the very serious threats to the natural resources and environment posed by this type of sulfide mining; the damage and destruction to the sacred Migi zii wa sin that will be caused by the construction and operation of the mine; and the significant possibility that the collapse of the mine cavity, which will be located directly under the Salmon Trout River, will result in the catastrophic event of the Salmon Trout River flooding into the mine cavity and, perhaps, disappearing forever.

KBIC, along with other opponents of the Kennecott Mine, (National Wildlife Federation, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, and Huron Mountain Club) have initiated a series of legal actions against the State of Michigan, in order to enforce the state's new metallic mining laws which, if enforced as written, would stop the construction of the proposed mine or at the very least, force Kennecott to redesign the mine to prevent the anticipated damage to the natural resources, environment, and the sacred site, Migi zii wa sin. This is a very important test case because the final decision in this case will set a long standing precedent concerning the application, interpretation, and enforcement of this new mining law, not only in Michigan, but in other states as well who may choose to enact a metallic mining law similar to Michigan's statute. If the liberal interpretation and lax enforcement of the law, which has currently happened with regard to the Kennecott mine, are allowed by the Michigan courts, results could be devastating.

As a result of these legal actions, the Tribe has expended a great deal of money to retain technical and legal experts in order to review Kennecott's 700 page mining permit application, analyze the area that will be affected by the mine, attend countless hours of legal hearings, and prepare and file thousands of pages of legal briefs

and expert reports.

Currently there are a number of mining exploration companies that are conducting mineral exploration operations in dozens of locations in the central and western Upper Peninsula. More mines are likely to be proposed and possibly permitted. We believe that the Kennecott Mine is a significant test case because of the dangerous precedent that has been set by the state's issuance of the permits to Kennecott even though the mining application contains literally hundreds of technical mistakes, poor and missing analyses, missing data, and unsubstantiated assumptions and conclusions. Yet, the state proceeded to grant the permit for the mine, apparently based upon the dubious premise that 100 new jobs and royalty payments to the state would somehow justify the damage and destruction of Migi zii wa sin and the surrounding natural resources, in addition to the pollution of the environment that will be caused by the mine.

The administrative hearings challenging the legality of the permits issued to Kennecott for this mine are now about to conclude; however, while the Community believes that it and the other opponents of the mine have provided to the hearing officer (who incidentally is a state employee) with sufficient facts and legal arguments to overturn the permits, the fact remains that win or lose, the Community will have to make decisions regarding appeals in this case to the Michigan Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

The financial resources expended over the past four years to challenge this test case have been extremely significant. In closing, we would just like to add our thoughts on a very fundamental concept of the Ojibwa people: the preservation of our land, our culture, and our way of life require that we act now as guardians for the next seven generations. Sulfide mining will be the single greatest threat of our lands in our lifetime.

Please, if you have any questions or need any additional information concerning this issue, feel free to contact either of us at anytime.

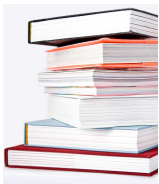
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Warren "Chris" Swartz, President
Susan J. LaFerner, Vice President

Sulfide Mining 101

What is metallic sulfide mining?

- Metallic sulfide mining is a Midwestern US term, usually referred to as hard rock mining in the western US.
- Metallic sulfide mining is not the process used to mine sulfide, but actually the practice of extracting metals (such as copper and nickel) from a sulfide ore body.



Why is metallic sulfide mining dangerous?

- When excavated, if sulfide ore or the tailing piles are exposed to water and air, a chemical reaction can create sulfuric acid.
- Precipitation subsequently causes sulfuric acid to drain from the mine site called acid mine drainage (AMD), which can drain into nearby water resources, and thereby harm people, plants, animals, and metal and concrete structures.

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- There has never been a metallic sulfide mine that has not polluted water resources where water was present.
- AMD can form red, orange, or yellow sediments in the bottom of streams; this sediment can kill plants and animals, especially fish as it coats their gills.
- The resultant AMD also dissolves heavy metals (lead, zinc, copper, and mercury), allowing them to enter ground and surface water.
- Sulfuric acid is 20 to 30 times more acidic than acid rain, and upon entering surface water can drastically change pH, disrupting the growth and reproduction of aquatic plants and animals.
- Estimates place the number of mines producing acid drainage on US Forest Service lands at somewhere near 20,000 to 50,000 throughout the West, and these mines are also polluting between 5,000 and 10,000 miles of streams in the West (USDA, 1993).
- Acid mine drainage can be very expensive to clean up and has costly impacts.

Why is metallic sulfide mining a threat to Michigan's UP?

- Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality doesn't have the kind of funding it needs to adequately implement the laws they're required to implement.
- Kennecott's Parent Company, Rio Tinto, has a track record of human rights, union rights, and environmental violations around the world.
- Water and Sulfide do not mix.
 - Michigan's UP has 1,700 miles of shoreline along three of the Great Lakes.
 - There are 12,000 miles of rivers and streams and 4,300 inland lakes in the UP.
 - Because of Lake Superior's size, it takes contaminants 190 years to cycle through Lake Superior.
 - The Great Lakes contain 18% of the world's fresh water resources.

Homework

Research the track records of the following foreign corporations that are currently exploring in the Western Upper Peninsula. Report your results to your local newspaper editor.

- ♦ Kennecott Minerals (Rio Tinto) — England/Australia
- ♦ Prime Meridian Resources Corp. — Canada
- ♦ Aquila Resources — Canada
- ♦ Bitterroot Resources (Trans Superior Resources & Cameco Inc.) — Canada
- ♦ Orvana Minerals — Canada

The Splash November-December,
Save The Wild U.P.org publication

KBIC Medical Patients: Please allow at least two business days to process medication refills. Make sure to call a couple of days before you run out of medication.

Thank you!

I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas

It's that time of year again! Here are a few tips to help celebrate the holidays while treading lightly on Mother Earth.

Trees

Artificial or real? There is no easy answer to the debate between real and fake trees. While fake trees are reusable they are made from non-recyclable, petroleum-derived materials and often shipped from overseas. Real trees from large commercial farms are typically sprayed with a lot of pesticides and end up in the landfill. If you choose a real tree, buy it locally and either chip it for mulch or use it to provide habitat. The best option is to buy a live, potted tree that can be planted after the holidays.

Lights

Switching to LED Christmas lights is 90% more efficient than traditional incandescent lighting. In addition LED lights last longer, reduce the risk of fire because they do not get as hot, and if one bulb goes out, the rest of the string still works. They are a little more expensive up front, but save money in the long run. Another way to reduce energy use from lights is to plug them into an automatic timer and limit use to four or five hours a day. The smaller the bulb, the lower the energy cost. Solar lights are also available for outdoor lighting.

Giving Green

The easiest way to reduce waste is to buy less and buy smart. Make sure gifts you buy for others are really something they want or will use. Be creative by making gifts or giving a coupon for your services (babysitting, a back-rub, dinner). Buy locally made goods or antiques (which are true to the theme of reuse and recycle). Choose gifts that are made from recycled materials, encourage environmentally responsible behavior (i.e. reusable lunch bag, basket full of non-toxic cleaning products), or are battery free.

Wrap It Up

Choose alternatives to commercial gift wrap such as newspapers, fabric, wall paper, maps, posters, etc. Get creative. Consider using pine cones, cedar branch tips or leaves to decorate the gifts. Environmentally friendly wrapping paper is also available that uses recycled paper or hemp fibers.

Holiday Cards

Every year 2.65 billion holiday cards are sold in the United States, enough to fill up a football field ten stories high and requiring the harvesting of nearly 300,000 trees. The greenest option is to send cards electronically. You can send photo and holiday e-cards using sites like Blue Mountain and Amazon.com. Consider making your own cards from items you can reuse in your home (children's art work, calendars, etc). Another option is to buy cards made from recycled or sustainable materials such as hemp.

After Party Waste

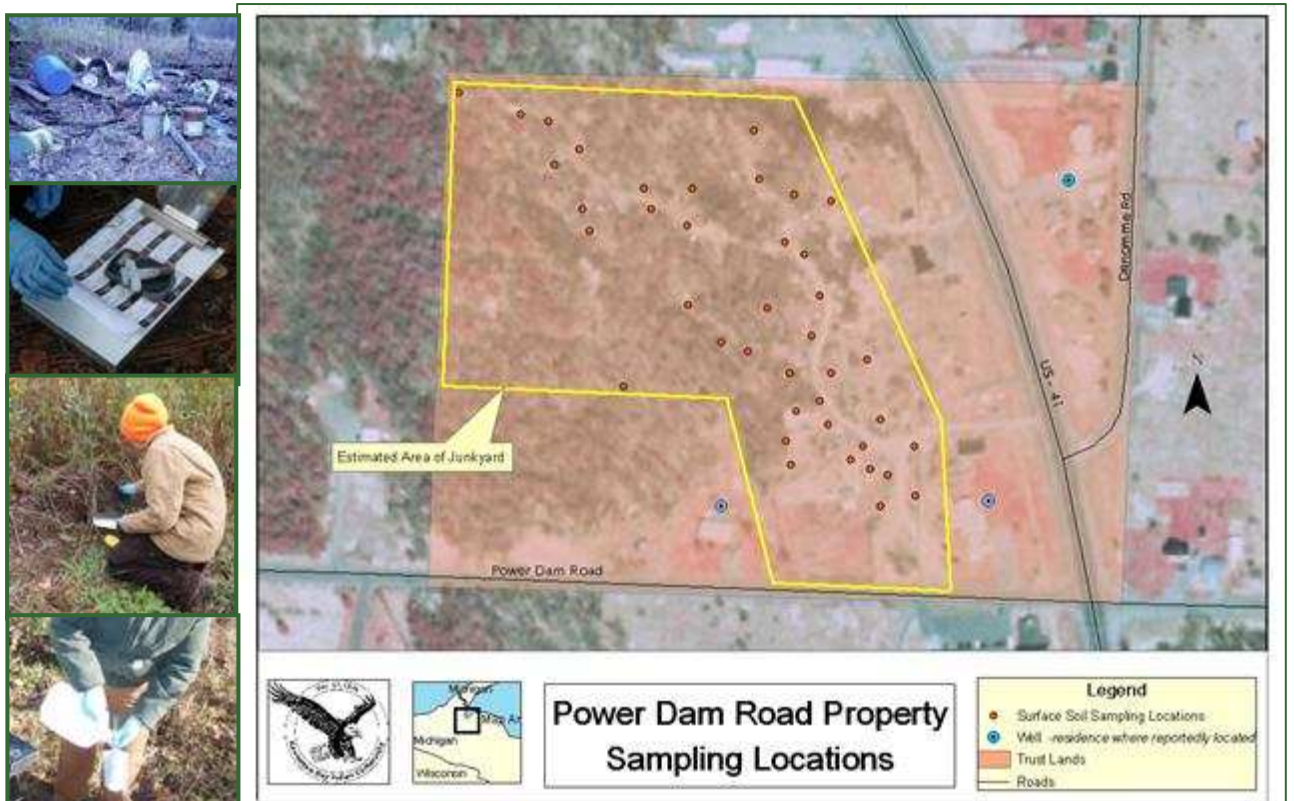
According to the EPA the average American increases the amount of waste they produce between Thanksgiving and Christmas by 25%. How can we reduce the amount of waste we put in the landfill during this holiday season? Reduce, reuse and recycle! Reduce the amount of waste produced by using reusable bags when shopping, avoiding unnecessary packaging materials, and avoiding disposable items such as utensils, plates and cups during the holidays. Reuse wrapping materials, bows, ribbons, and cards for next year. Recycle paper, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, plastic and paper bags, and packing paper at Waste Management in Houghton.

Happy Holidays from KBNRD!!

Brownfield Program Environmental Property Assessment Activities

Natural Resources Department staff recently conducted surface soil sampling at a property located west of US-41 and north of Power Dam Road. Parts of this property have historically been used as a junkyard. Illegal dumping of household and other waste has also occurred on the property. Soil samples collected were sent to an analytical laboratory to be tested for the possible presence of a number of potential contaminants including organic compounds, heavy metals, and PCB's. Should laboratory testing indicate that contaminated soils are present, additional sampling will likely be completed on the property. The laboratory testing results will be used to guide future decision making.

The Brownfield Program in the Natural Resource Department is supported using funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on the Brownfield Program please contact us at 524-5757 or visit the Brownfield Program website at: <http://www.ojibwa.com/html/NR/ERP/erp.htm>



ATTENTION HUNTERS: CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource and Conservation Departments will again be conducting Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance during this year's deer hunting season. If you are interested in participating, please call the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 x19 or the Conservation Department at (906) 353-6626. We are looking to collect heads from deer harvested from the L'Anse Reservation and surrounding areas. From these we will be collecting tissue from the top of the spinal chord (obex) and the lymph nodes for laboratory analysis.

This fall, hunters can drop off deer heads in receptacles provided at KBIC – Fish Hatchery in Pequaming, Alston Meat Processors in Alston, or at the back door of Indian Country Sports in L'Anse (please not inside). Information pamphlets regarding CWD will be available at these drop-off locations or can be mailed out upon request.

Later in the winter and during the first part of 2009, we will also be accepting deer heads for testing. If you harvest a deer late in the year or early in 2009, please call the Natural Resource or Conservation Departments to arrange for drop off or pick up.

In 2007 approximately 50 animals harvested from this area were tested for CWD. CWD was not detected in any of these animals. This year the goal is to sample approximately 100 heads from harvested deer.

Participation and donation of heads is voluntary. We greatly appreciate all the help we receive in monitoring and ensuring the health of our local deer herd. If you have any questions, please call the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.



NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT COMMERCIAL FISHING HISTORY PROJECT



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource and Licensing Departments have compiled a list of commercial fishermen and women from past harvest reports and licensing records. Our list is incomplete. Existing records start in the early 1980's. Some information from the 1980's is missing and records for some years in the 1980's are missing altogether.

The Natural Resources Department would like to recognize all the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's commercial fishermen and are requesting your help with finding and compiling information on historical fishing activity in this community. Please call the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have names and other information about fishermen and women from the 1980's or before. Thank-you.



AREA YOUTH COMPETE IN PAINTBALL LEAGUE

Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) incorporates recreational opportunities for area youth, young adults, and Tribal enforcement officers in an attempt to encourage a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement. Recently TPAL has implemented a pilot program of weekend paintball games throughout October and November with the playing area mapped out in the Jack Pines' area behind the Zeba Trailer Court. With the twelve sets of paintball equipment, teams of six compete to capture the winning flag. The paintball games have been well attended with no advance advertisements only word of mouth. Sgt. Duane Misegan, of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police, has been in charge of the TPAL paintball league. Sgt. Misegan stated, "The youth are really enjoying this activity. We have had up to fourteen participating on any given weekend. With winter coming and hunting season, we've finished up on Sunday, November 8th for the year." Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, stated, "We anticipate ordering more equipment this winter, and the TPAL paintball league will be fully implemented in spring of 2009."

The KBIC Weed and Seed Initiative includes a number of programs that will be implemented to help youth make safe and healthy choices in their lives, avoid gangs and avoid illegal drugs and substances. The Tribal Police Athletic League (TPAL) is one of the programs organized by KBIC Weed and Seed.

Pictures compliments of Chill Sepanen.



KBIC SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Marquette Ojibwa Community Building
Saturday, December 13, 2008
2 p.m.—10 p.m.

Menu:

**Turkey, Ham, Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Plus much, much, more . .**

**KBIC Members
55 and older
and one guest.**

MUSIC PROVIDED BY COUNTRY RAMBLERS
(BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES!!!)

Questions Contact Patti Brown 273-0318

Walk And Talk

WHAT: An indoor walking program.
WHEN: Beginning Tuesday, December 2, 2008, from 10:30am to 1:30pm on weekdays (excluding holidays, and snow days) through Friday, March 27, 2009.
WHERE: The KBOCC Gymnasium.
WHO: Anyone who would like to stay active through the winter months.
WHY: Everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay fit.
Kick Off will be Tuesday, December 2nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.!
Earn prizes for every ten times you walk. Contact Heather at 353-4546 or hwood@kbic-nsn.gov for log sheets and/or to redeem your prize.



Employees grab a buddy and walk during your lunch break, be sure to bring a bag lunch and leave a few minutes to eat!

**For more information contact
Heather at 353-4546 or Kathy at 353-4519.**

Program sponsored by KBIC Youth Program and KBIC Diabetes Program

NEW EMPLOYEE



Vicky Mleko has been hired as the KBIC Tribal Center Receptionist/Clerk. Vicky is the daughter of Mike and the late Victory (Darcy) Mleko of Pequaming and Fort Pierce, Florida. She is a 1990 graduate of John Carroll High School, and she attended the Indian River Community College for three years; both are located in Fort Pierce, Florida. Vicky moved back to the area ten years ago and resides in L'Anse with her loving companion "Monroe," a two-year-old shi-tzu.

Vicky states, "I'm very excited to be on board at the Tribal Center. I look forward to many years of providing clerical services for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."




Give the Gift of Knowledge
KBIC EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM
Invites you to share the gift of education with your family!

- ~earn your GED or diploma
- ~gain skills for successful parenting
- ~find early childhood ed for your child 0-8
- ~enjoy interactive parent/child events

Free to all qualifying Baraga County residents
CALL 353-8161 to learn more!
Transportation & Childcare available
KBIC EVEN START-755 Michigan Ave.~ Baraga, MI 49908





2008 KBIC Youth Christmas Parties

Baraga Youth Party - ages 0-11
Saturday, December 13th @ 12 pm - 3 pm

Baraga Teen Party - ages 12 - 18
Saturday, December 13th @ 6 pm - 9 pm

Pizza & Punch Served.
Games and Fun!

For Baraga information
call Tyler at 353-4643

Parties are for KBIC tribally enrolled children and/or children of a KBIC tribally enrolled parent.

Marquette Teen Party - 6th grade - age 17
Saturday, December 20th @ 8 pm - 11 pm
Marquette Ojibwa Community Building

Marquette Youth Party - ages 0 - 5th grade
Sunday, December 14th @ 5 pm - 8 pm
UP Children's Museum

** Santa will start at 5 pm
Potluck; Pizza and Drink provided

For Marquette information
call Carrie at 906-250-1018

We greatly appreciate your donation of cookies, cakes, and chips for the parties!!



KBIC HEADSTART AND EARLY HEADSTART VISIT WITH LOCAL FIREMEN IN OCTOBER (FIRE PREVENTION MONTH)

A recent KBIC Early Headstart field trip included a visit to a local fire station. On Friday, October 24th, the group, which included seven two-year olds, three of their teachers, and three parent volunteers,



visited with Fire-fighter Mike Bianco as he showed them around the L'Anse Fire Station. After trying to sit through a short video on fire safety, the young visitors enjoyed it when fireman Mike let them each pick out a stuffed animal, and gave them each a coloring book and crayons to take home. After touring the downstairs and checking out the fire trucks, the youngsters were excited to get to try on a fire jacket and hat.



Ron Hueckstaedt of the Baraga Fire Department visited with KBIC Headstart on October 9th. The children watched the video "ABC's of Fire Safety" with Fireman Ron, who talked to the youngsters about fire safety. The children were able to check out the fire truck and equipment, and they even received a short ride with fireman Ron. The children received goody bags with Fire Safety information and got to take a hat home as well.



from August 4, 2008 and December 13, 2005; agreed that employees who are committee members are able to attend meetings and receive stipends during work hours with their supervisor's approval; donated \$250 to the Laird Township Halloween party; moved the November 1st regular meeting to November 8th; approved Resolution KB1628-2008 and the By-laws for the Committee for Alternate and Renewable Energy; approved Gary Mag-nant as a candidate for the November 1st Pri-mary Election; approved the installation of three participation and three video games at the Pines; approved the TERO/Weed and Seed Re-Entry Program Policy; set the anni-versary dates of all employees hired before October 1, 2008, to October 1st for the purpose of raises; approved Resolution KB1635-2008 naming Warren Swartz, Jr. the authorized agent of KBIC with United Tribes and also list-ing alternates; approved the Consultant Agree-ment with Steven Nelson to provide consulta-tion and assistance in the collection and analy-sis of data for the Weed and Seed Programs; and authorized \$25,000 for our experts report to the EPA. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on October 29, 2008: approved Resolution KB1638-2008 ap-pointing Dale Shalifoe as Acting Executive Di-rector of the Gaming Commission and sus-pending the application of section 18A.205(H) of the Gaming Commission Ordinance; ap-proved meeting minutes of January 7, 2006, and August 16, 20, and 28, 2008; approved an additional semester of Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion classes; approved the insurance agreement with M3 through July 2009; ap-proved the Professional Services Agreement with Don Heikkila for Even Start; named the day after Thanksgiving *Native American Heri-tage Day*; changed the governmental person-nel policies to include Christmas Eve, the day after Christmas and New Years Eve as holi-days; agreed that January 2, 2009, will be a paid holiday and the Tribal Center will be closed; approved an increase in lot rent for those residents deemed necessary by the Maintenance Director; approved the Employ-ment Agreement with Earl Otchingwanigan; approved the Earl Otchingwanigan Work Prod-uct Endowment Agreement; approved Christ-mas gift checks in the amount of \$599; ap-proved October donations totaling \$8750; des-ignated the Assistant CEO Sarah Smith as the supervisor of the Pines Manager; agreed to allow the Pines Manager to set the gas prices; and approved the FY09 Election Board Budget.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treas-urer's Report for September 2008. The Tribal Council met and reviewed donations on Octo-ber 29th, approving the following: Christmas gift bags for the Veterans at the D.J. Jacobetti Home - \$2000; Christmas gifts for the Head-start students - \$1550; Marine Corps Leagues/ Toys for Tots - \$5000; Bethel United Pente-costal Church/Annual Thanksgiving Dinner - \$200. On October 1st the Tribal Council was informed by Francis LaPointe, CFO, that the Tribe's money currently in the National City Bank was potentially in danger. The bank had received a poor rating by the FDIC as unstable and had also been given a class C grade. Council decided it was in the best interest of the Tribe to move the money. The investment account, approximately six-million, was moved to Wells Fargo which has been graded AAA. Approximately \$800,000 cash was moved to our account at Superior National Bank. At the October 29th Council meeting, Council mem-ber Fred Dakota re-addressed the issue stat-ing he had received a call from a banker, Mike Mulder, from National City, who was appar-ently upset that KBIC had chosen to move our funds without discussing it with him and that our money was not any safer in the banks we had chosen to move it to. Treasurer Misegan stated Council member Fred Dakota had indi-cated that he didn't know we were moving it

out of Mr. Mulder's bank and that he was a close personal friend of his, and if he would have known this, he would have opposed to moving it. Council member Dakota also stated that Mr. Mulder had helped the Tribe out in prior years. It was a smart business decision to move the Tribe's money from the National City Bank as it was unsteady and given the uncertainty of the economy it was necessary and is in the best interest of our Tribe. All Council members have been provided with a copy of the FDIC banks star ratings which are not released to the public. National City re-ceived a two star; SNB and Wells received a four star. National City was reported to have a below average condition and recorded a net loss of just under two million dollars, and there are several other negative indicators in the report. On the other hand, both SNB and Wells were reported as sound.

Treasurer Misegan attended a meeting with the representatives from the Trust Depart-ment at Superior National Bank along with President Swartz, Vice President Susan LaFernier, CEO Larry Denomie III, and CFO Francis LaPointe on October 8th to review our investment accounts. As of that date, they were doing well considering the volatility of the stock market. Misegan stated, "I believe that we were relieved to know this. All of KBIC's investments have been done conservatively with diversification in mind, and it is paying off. We will be going through these accounts with the entire Council following the budget meet-ings as there are some decisions that need to be made. We also believe that it is necessary to develop an investment policy, and we will begin working on this as well."

Treasurer Misegan prepared budgets for the Tribe's general fund and the Larry Asher Community Service fund. Council has begun our annual budget review, and we will be meeting to complete them this coming week.

Council member Fred Dakota made a statement regarding the National City Bank and wished for the folks of this Community to know, "The gentleman that we did business with at National City Bank, we did business with many many years ago. In fact, we bor-rowed money from National City Bank to get our Bingo going. Jim Schutte and Fred Da-kota put their houses up to for collateral to get that going, so we were very good friends. As far as the bank policy and things like that, it doesn't really make any difference. I just made the statement since I was in favor of moving that money, and I don't blame anyone for moving it since it was in jeopardy, but I wanted them to know that he was a friend of mine, he is a friend of mine, and I wanted peo-ple to know that I do respect people that I'm a friend of, and I just said had I known that, I wouldn't have voted for that. This is specifi-cally all I had to mention about it."

Council member Fred Dakota requested of the Treasurer if she had the information he had requested some five months earlier, re-garding the lawyers from Minneapolis. Treas-urer Misegan stated that she did not and that Mr. Baker would need to break down all the outside counsel. Council member Fred Da-kota indicated what he wants to know is how much money has been spent with the firm from Minnesota to represent this tribe or indi-viduals from this tribe in Tribal Court against their own tribal members. As the supervisor over the attorney, President Swartz stated that he'd work on that request.

Council member Doreen Blaker spoke of the Bear Town Firefighter's MOU being ex-pired. The MOU has been worked on, but they now would like to include the EERA (Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement) in the MOU, and she will be returning with this matter in December.

Treasurer Misegan requested a date for the Third Reading for the Tobacco Ordinance since a couple of months had passed. Mise-gan indicated she'd like to see it done before

the end of November. Council member Fred Dakota indicated he'd like to see it held after the December election. Council member Elizabeth Mayo requested a roll call on the motion to set the date. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to schedule the Third Reading of the Tobacco Ordinance for Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., supported by Toni Minton, eight supported (Curtis, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Denomie, Blaker, Emery, Matthews), three opposed (Mayo, Dakota, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.** Michael LaFernier stated he had a conflict with the date being during hunt-ing season.

Council member Elizabeth Mayo brought forth the First Reading of the Amendment to Gaming Regulatory Ordinance 2008-05, pro-posing §18B.201 Definitions, 4) "Class I Gam-ing" to be left as: (A) Social gaming solely for prizes of minimal value or traditional forms of Indian Gaming engaged in by individuals as a part of, or in connection with, Tribal ceremo-nies or celebrations. (B) Raffles shall be con-sidered Class I Gaming. Then eliminating the raffle part of it. Mayo indicated it will be less restrictive to us in what Class I Gaming means. Council scheduled the Second Read-ing of the Amendment to the Gaming Regula-tory Ordinance 2008-05 for Friday, November 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to set the deadline for the Introduction of the Mining Ordinance as December 6, 2008, supported by Doreen Blaker, ten supported, 0 op-posed, one abstained (Dakota), motion car-ried.

Council went into closed session with President Swartz, CEO Larry Denomie III, and CEO Assistant Sarah Smith on the agenda.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Roland J. Brunette

October 28, 1921—September 2, 2008

Roland J. Brunette, 86, of King, WI, died on September 2, 2008. He was born October 28, 1921, to the late George H. and Josephine (Pine) Brunette. Roland was a veteran of the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was united in marriage to Lorraine Hill. Roland en-joyed playing softball for tavern leagues; he liked to play the guitar and yodel. He was a good bowler and had even appeared on WBAY-TV bowling show. Roland was a Golden Gloves Boxer, and had tried out for the Detroit Tigers. He had worked as a tree top-per in Michigan, a stevedore at Leights Trans-port, and a roofer.

Roland is survived by his children, Darlene Hill, Keith (Bonnie) Brunette, Kent (Bonnie) Brunette, Kerry Brunette, Christine Burnette, Georgi Mielke and her special friend Rick Prevost, Byrnn`e Brunette and her special friend Vicki Jourdan, Kelvin (Debbie) Brunette, Kathleen Brunette, and Kevin Brunette. He is further survived by 27 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, as well as two sisters; Marie "Minnie" Lallaman, June Whetung, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and two sisters; Cecelia and Angie.

Services were held at Holy Apostles Epis-copal Church, Oneida, on Saturday, Septem-ber 6, 2008, with Rev. Kristina Henning, Dea-con Edmund Powless, and Rev. Earl L. Smith officiating. Full military rites followed in the church cemetery. Please go to www.ryanfh.com to express online condo-lences to the family. The RYAN FUNERAL HOME, De Pere assisted the family.

Correction: Joe Arcand, Clini-cal Social Worker at Donald La-Pointe Medical Center/Youth and Family services... telephone number is 353-4544.

Contract Health Services Defined

Basic Contract Health Service (CHS) Information

Contract Health Service funding is made possible through annual appropriations from the federal government to all federally recognized tribes, as a result of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. CHS is limited by the budget and medical priorities.

Contract Health Services support care is provided through our clinics.

Contract Health is **NOT**:

- A Health Insurance Program
- An entitlement program (Medicare, Medicaid, etc.)

CHS is the PAYOR OF LAST RESORT, meaning all other alternate resources must be exhausted before CHS payments can be made. Therefore CHS payments cannot be made:

- For services our clinics could have reasonably provided.
- If you are eligible, or would have been eligible, if you had applied, for ALTERNATE RESOURCES, such as health/medical insurance, state, Medicaid, federal, charity or other assistance programs (ATR).
- If you choose to go to providers who does not accept your insurance or are otherwise out of the network of your insurance coverage, PPO, HMO, or MCO.

Your CHS request must fall within the KBIC Contract Health Delivery Service Area (CHSDA) and federal IHS health and or Bemidji Area/KBIC Priority categories and be medically necessary to be considered for payment.

- NON-EMERGENT use of emergency room services does **NOT** meet medical necessity standards and will NOT be paid by CHS.

◊ **Emergency situations are those health situations that are life- or limb-threatening and include heart attack, active labor and delivery, excessive and unstoppable bleeding and treatment for sudden, extensive physical trauma.** After-Hours/Walk-in medical treatment for non-emergency reasons such as: anxiety, flu, earaches, toothache, or headache are *not* appropriately treated in the emergency room and will not be paid by CHS.

It is your responsibility to meet strict CHS eligibility requirements:

To be eligible, you must:

1. **Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe** or a direct dependant under the age of 19. Descendants are eligible for direct cares only — (Medical clinic, dental clinic, community health programming).
2. **Reside in the KBIC CHSDA-** Our CHSDA includes Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon and *trust lands in Marquette County-direct services only.*
3. **Establish and maintain a complete patient registration file for CHS.** Your must update your file at least annually and whenever any of your registration information changes.
4. **Keep your registration file current** by providing documentation about any changes in your address, name, medical insurances, or other types of health care coverage including state, Medicaid, Medicare, and other pertinent registration information (address, telephone numbers).

You must properly notify our CHS program staff at least three (3) days before receiving non-emergency services (usually by phone conversation with the CHS staff person). This includes all follow-up referral appointments including labs, surgery, and any and all dental procedures beyond the initial exam. CHS cannot pay unless you have notified our office that you have been referred outside of our clinic, which will be done by one of our providers only.

In case of medical emergency, you must notify our CHS staff within 72 hours of the start of the emergency care. Elders or disabled people have 30 days to notify our CHS staff of emergency room care.

To process requests for CHS payments, it is your responsibility to provide to the CHS staff:

- Provider billing claim statements: these are HCFA 100, UB 92, and/or other claims that have the diagnostic and procedural coding on them
- All pertinent Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is issued from your other payers or insurance. The EOB explains what has been paid and the unpaid balance.

If you have questions, we have trained staff to help you use this program. Please call the Contract Service office at (906) 353-4537.

COUGHS & SNEEZES
Spread diseases



Call the KBIC Medical Clinic for medical care at 353-8700!

What can you do?

1. **Cover your mouth & nose when you cough or sneeze!**
Use a tissue, not your hands
2. **Wash your hands!**
Use soap & water or clean them with alcohol-based hand cleaner

Know Your Symptoms

Colds, flu, pneumonia & meningitis can have similar symptoms. Read below to know what's best to do:

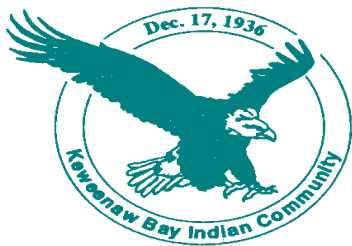
SYMPTOMS	Take care of yourself	Get medical care
Sore throat	Scratchy throat Can't swallow Minor swelling (glands)	Difficulty swallowing liquids White/yellow spots in throat Increased pain after 3 days
Fever	Less than 101	Higher than 101 for more than 3 days; Fluctuates above 101 several times a day; Shaking chills
Cough	Dry cough	Persistent cough Chest pain Wheezing Foul smelling, brown, bloody phlegm
Runny nose & sneezing	Relatively clear drainage; Mild sinus/facial discomfort	Foul smelling, brown, bloody drainage; Severe sinus/facial discomfort
Headache	Mild pain or pain that improves with non-prescription pain reliever (acetaminophen, ibuprophen)	GET MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY: ~ Blurred vision ~ Nausea, vomiting ~ Stiffness in neck or back ~ mental agitation, confusion ~ severe headache with fever greater than 101 and rash anywhere on the body
Body ache	General aches	Persistent abdominal pain
Fatigue	General tiredness	Excessive fatigue
Earache	Stuffy, clogged ears	Pain/discharge from ears

Yellow Dog Plains and the Salmon – Trout Watershed



Staff from the Natural Resources Department, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve recently completed another round of surface water sampling in the Salmon – Trout watershed, which is fed from the Yellow Dog Plains. This is the second year of sampling work. The work is being funded with a Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Management Program grant that the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife received. Surface water samples were collected from numerous springs and drainage - ways that occur within the unique hydrologic system that makes up the Salmon – Trout Watershed. Samples were submitted to a laboratory for analysis. Analytical results will help quantify baseline water

quality conditions in this watershed, and provide information and data with which to protect the quality of this area for current and future generations. If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact us at (906) 524-5757.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 - 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 - 50 Homes in Zeba
 - 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 - Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 - College tuition and expenses for residents;
 - Business expansion/start-up expenses;
 - Home repair for member-owned homes;
 - Credit repair for homeownership;
 - Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee-providing profits for housing programs.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has completed the final touches on our new office addition in Baraga, and we will all be operating out of the new offices before the Thanksgiving break. We will no longer be using the office in Zeba, and we will make that office available to rent by any entity interested. If you are interested in renting the former Zeba housing office on Marksman Road, contact Eddy Edwards, the Executive Director, at 353-7117.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority has been operating two businesses on the reservation. The businesses were designed to make a profit for the housing authority and to employ tribal members. In this past fiscal year that ended September 30, 2008, both businesses, the Ojibwa Building Supply and the Ojibwa Builders, were profitable! Between both businesses, we employ ten tribal members, who over the last year made over \$266,387 in wages and benefits. With the profits, the Board of Commissioners approved pulling over \$50,000 for several uses. First, the board approved a profit sharing plan that gave over \$16,000 to tribal member workers who helped these businesses succeed. The board also approved budgeting \$24,000 for our home repair IDA program and another \$12,000 for our elder/disabled Indian prescription subsidy program. We hope the community continues to utilize our businesses whenever they can, so we can continue to support worthwhile programs that benefit tribal members.

OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Instead of making a New Years resolution, make a Thanksgiving or Christmas resolution to stop smoking!!! The library has three books that can help you stop. Good luck!

- ♥ 1440 Reasons to Quit Smoking
- ♥ How Women Can Finally Stop Smoking
- ♥ 7 Steps to a Smoke-Free Life



The library has new schedule. Hours have been expanded now that Michelle Maki has been hired as the Library Assistant,

MONDAY: 11-8 THURSDAY: 11-8
TUESDAY: 11-8 FRIDAY: 11-5
WEDNESDAY: 11-7 SATURDAY: 11-3

If the library director is out for the day, the library will open @ 4 p.m. This has been made possible through a two-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

OJIBWE LAUGH AND LEARN — LANGUAGE TABLE

Wednesday Nights 7—8:30 pm,

Ojibwa Library Building - KBOCC Classroom 1

This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.

Attend when you can.

For more information contact: Debra Williamson 353-4178



Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm
Ojibwa Industrial Park
Baraga, MI 49908

Timothy W. Shanahan,
Business Counselor

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator

Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

OJIBWEMOWIN

Manidoo Giizisoons —

Little Spirit Moon — December

Fill in the blanks

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happy —
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hungry —
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impatient —
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injured —
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Word List

minawaanigozi
godigoshin
zegi
bakade
gwaashkwezi
baapinakamigizi
noondeshin
ojaanimendam

Down:

- excited.
- impatient
- happy
- energetic

Across:

- exhausted.
- injured
- hungry
- frighten

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

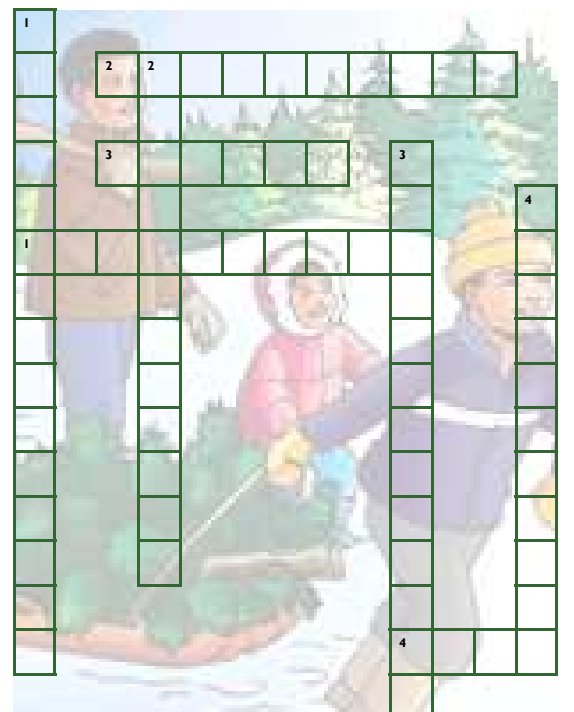
If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @

(906) 353-2626 at

the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



December 2008 Calendars
Events

- December 6** — 9 a.m. Saturday Tribal Council meeting at the Chippewa Room
- December 13** — Tribal General Elections. Remember to vote!
- December 24** — Christmas Eve Holiday, KBIC Gov't. Offices closed
- December 25** — Christmas Day, KBIC Gov't. offices closed
- December 26** — Christmas Holiday, KBIC Gov't. offices closed
- December 31** — New Year's Eve, KBIC Gov't. offices closed
- January 1, 2009** — New Year's Day, KBIC Gov't. offices closed
- January 2, 2009** — New Year's Holiday, KBIC Gov't. offices closed



Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

KBIC Chosen for Eagle Books Pilot Program

Traditionally, stories were told in winter by Native Americans to pass on their history, traditions, and cultures to their descendants. The stories in Eagle Books came from the recurring dream of the author (Georgia Perez) and the dreams of Native American Communities where they wanted to make a better life for people dealing with the disease of diabetes. Since children listen eagerly to stories and bring the information back to their parents as they talk about what they learned in school that day, the idea to introduce a new way of teaching diabetes awareness to the families came to be.

In 2002, the Native Diabetes Wellness Program Centers for Disease Control and Prevention formed a partnership with the New Mexico State Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the Office of Native American Diabetes Program at the University of New Mexico to lay out a plan for a series of books which would contain healthy lifestyle messages to children to help in preventing obesity and diabetes. The partnership expanded to include book illustrators Patrick Rolo and Lisa A. Fifield, and the Indian Health Service Diabetes Committee, represented by leaders across the country. Partners and communities are involved from all directions: north, south, east and west. Four books have been developed and were ready to be implemented into a learning environment. Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa College's Destiny Program was chosen to conduct a pilot program where the Eagle Books were introduced to into local educational curriculums during October 24-31, 2008.



Shown above is Lloyd Arneach, Sr., (Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation), story teller as he told an engaging collection of stories to the elementary children at the Pelkie School.



Shown above is Mabel LaBine and her grandfather Roger LaBine (Lac Vieux Desert) at the Michigan Tech University's Powwow display. Mabel reads about traditional ways of being active, eating healthy, and making wise choices.

KBOCC leaders celebrate *Health Is Life in Balance* Launch

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College President, Debra Parrish, and Dean of Student Services, Cherie Dakota, along with Board of Regents representatives Robin Chosa, Chris Gerard, and Tyler Larson traveled to Washington DC for the launch of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools' (DETS) *Health is Life in Balance* K-12 curriculum on November 12. The curriculum was launched by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and eight tribal colleges and universities, including Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. KBOCC's curriculum development team was represented at the event by Lynn Aho, Mary Hindelang, and Stephanie Pinnow. Also joining the launch were the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee and health administrators, educators, and providers from approximately 400 Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban diabetes programs.

The DETS project was started at the urging of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, who were aware of the devastating impact of diabetes. For many years, type 2 diabetes has disproportionately affected adults in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The disease is now affecting native youth at an alarming rate. The science of diabetes and tribal traditions are key components of this first-of-its-kind K-12 curriculum written by Tribal colleges and universities. The purpose of DETS is two-fold: to empower native youth with the knowledge to prevent or delay diabetes in those at risk and to inspire students to pursue careers in health and science.

Tyler Larson, KBOCC Regent and Tribal Youth Director commented, "I think that the DETS program is an exceptional piece of education that will greatly benefit communities that choose to take part in it. With the obesity problem in our country right now, there is no

more time to wait to inform our people about the harmful effects of eating unhealthy and being overweight, and there is no better place to do it than right in the school systems. A lot of time and effort was put into this curriculum, and hopefully in the future, we will see some very intriguing results."

At the event, the curriculum development coalition was commended by Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, Director of the NIDDK/NIH. Cognizant program officers Dr. Lawrence Agodoa and Dr. Sanford Garfield awarded certificates of appreciation to the coalition members including Debra Parrish, Mary Hindelang, Stephanie Pinnow, and Lynn Aho. President Parrish said, "I'd like to congratulate Dr. Lynn Aho, Dr. Mary Hindelang, Stephanie Pinnow and the entire DESTINY team for their hard

work which has led to this achievement and recognition."

The festive event was held at the National Museum of the American Indian and included a tribal blessing, press briefing, round dance, and informational presentations on the curriculum in addition to the awards presentation. Attendees were able to view the Museum's special exhibit on the Eagle Books, which are used in the elementary units of *Health Is Life in Balance*, including original watercolors for the illustrations. Plus, the Association of American Indian Physicians and the National Indian Health Board hosted an "Honoring Native Health Warriors Walk" on the National Mall in honor of the launch and of the *Special Diabetes Programs for Indians* Tribal programs staff members.



Left to right, front —Cherie Dakota, Dr. Lynn Aho, Dr. Mary Hindelang, back— President Debra Parrish, Chris Gerard, Tyler Larson, Robin Chosa, Stephanie Pinnow (missing from photo). Photo taken at the National Museum of the American Indian, just after the awards presentations.



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